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In re Application of: Joseph A. Zupanick et al.

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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SURFACE PRODUCTION OF
GAS FROM A SUBTERRANEAN ZONE

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed January 13, 2003, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments thereto and the comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows: